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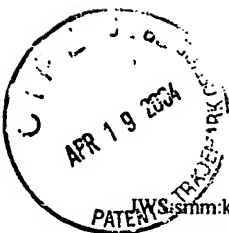
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kardeis and Wendtner

Application No. 10/735,317

Filed: December 11, 2003

Confirmation No. 6017

For: FAST-FIT COUPLING FOR
CONNECTING APPLIANCES FORMING
PART OF A MEDICAL OR SURGICAL
HANDPIECE SYSTEM TO A SUPPLY
HOSE

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Art Unit: 3679

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Applicants received the official Filing Receipt for the application referenced above, a copy of which (with requested correction shown in red ink) is attached as Exhibit A.

The following errors appear on the Filing Receipt:

ITEM IN ERROR	CORRECT INFORMATION
Applicant Wolfgang Wendtner's City: Lamprechtsbausen	Applicant Wolfgang Wendtner's City: LAMPRECHTSHAUSEN
Foreign Application: Australia A 1910/2002 12/20/2002	Foreign Application: AUSTRIA A 1910/2002 12/20/2002

A copy of the Assignment filed with this application is attached as Exhibit B, showing the correct spelling of Wolfgang Wendtner's city. Also attached, as Exhibit C, is a copy of the Patent

Application Transmittal, which shows that the foreign application is Austrian, not Australian.

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Applicants request that the identified errors be corrected and that a new official Filing Receipt be issued.

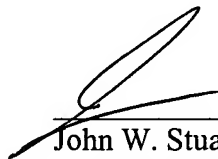
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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant(s)

Richard Kardeis, Burmoos, AUSTRIA;
 Wolfgang Wendtner, Lamprechtsbausen, AUSTRIA;

LAMPRECHTSHAUSEN

Assignment For Published Patent Application

W & H Dentalwerk Burmoos GmbH;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

AUSTRALIA 1910/2002 12/20/2002

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Projected Publication Date: 07/01/2004

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Fast-fit coupling for connecting appliances forming part of a medical or surgical handpiece system

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to a supply hose

Preliminary Class

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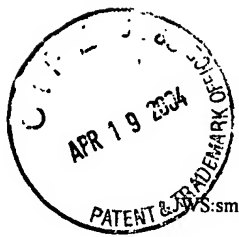
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Enclosed for filing in the application referenced above are the following:

- ☒ Request for Corrected Filing Receipt
 - ☒ Exhibit A – Copy of Filing Receipt (corrections shown in red ink)
 - ☒ Exhibit B – Assignment (showing correct city spelling)
 - ☒ Exhibit C – Patent Application Transmittal (listing foreign application)
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please return the enclosed postcard to confirm that the items listed above have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Richard Kardeis, of Bürmoos, Austria, and Wolfgang Wendtner, of Lamprechtshausen, Austria, have invented a certain invention, entitled FAST-FIT COUPLING FOR CONNECTING APPLIANCES FORMING PART OF A MEDICAL OR SURGICAL HANDPIECE SYSTEM TO A SUPPLY HOSE, for which we are making application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed by us on the 9th day of December, 2003; and

WHEREAS, W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, a corporation organized under the laws of the country of Austria, having a place of business at Ignaz-Glaser-Strasse 53, Postfach 1, Bürmoos, A-5111, Austria, desires to acquire an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Richard Kardeis and Wolfgang Wendtner, hereby sell, assign and transfer to W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and patent rights throughout the world, including foreign patent priority rights, the right to file and prosecute International Applications under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and the right to file and prosecute applications under the European Patent Convention; said invention, application and letters patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, for its own use and benefit, and for its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which letters patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully

EXHIBIT B

and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that we have full right so to do, and agree that we will communicate to W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, or its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do everything possible to aid W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, its successors and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.

We hereby grant the law firm of Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, the power to insert on this Assignment any further information which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with all applicable legal requirements, including the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, for submitting and recording this document.

Executed at the place and date opposite our respective signatures below.

R. Kardeis
Richard Kardeis

Executed at BÜRMOOS
(City and State)
on this 09th day of DEC., 2003.

This 09th day of DEC., 2003, before me personally came the above-named Richard Kardeis, who signed and dated the foregoing instrument in my presence.

Walf Bender
Witnessed By (signature)

WALF BENDER
Name (print)

Norbert Schatz
Witnessed By (signature)

NORBERT SCHATZ
Name (print)

Wolfgang Wendtner
Wolfgang Wendtner

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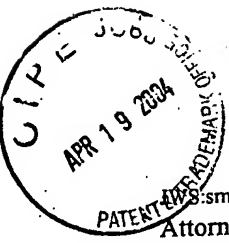
This 09th day of DEC., 2003, before me personally came the above-named Wolfgang Wendtner, who signed and dated the foregoing instrument in my presence.

Ralf Bender
Witnessed By (signature)

RALE BENDA
Name (print)

SCOTT NALDER
Witnessed By (signature)

NORBERT SCHATZ
Name (print)



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Inventor(s): Richard Kardeis and Wolfgang Wendtner

For: FAST-FIT COUPLING FOR CONNECTING APPLIANCES FORMING PART OF A
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 7 pages of specification, 6 pages of claims, an abstract and a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 4 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, a Recordation Cover Sheet, and the Recordal fee of \$40.00.
- ☒ A certified copy of the cited Austrian priority application.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents listed thereon.

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- ☒ Applicant claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the earlier filing date of foreign application number A 1910/2002, filed on December 20, 2002, in Austria.
- ☒ Assignee for this application is or will be W & H Dentalwerk Bürmoos GmbH, and applicant requests that this information be listed on the published application.

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